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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/562,508	Applicant(s) YOON, MYOUNG KEE	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 July 2011.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
- 4) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 5a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are rejected.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 9) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 10) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 June 2008 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Lanciaux (US 4,621,438). The claims are reasonably and broadly construed, in light of the accompanying specification, to be disclosed by Lanciaux because the face of that reference discloses each of the claimed features.

Claims 21 and 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Pfeider (US 2,724,906). The claims are reasonably and broadly construed, in light of the accompanying specification, to be disclosed by Pfeider because the face of that reference discloses each of the claimed features.

Claims 40-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Shapter (US 2,648,142). The claims are reasonably and broadly construed, in light of the accompanying specification, to be disclosed by Shapter because the face of that reference discloses each of the claimed features.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

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the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lanciaux. Lanciaux discloses the claimed invention, as rejected above, except for the recited shape, material, lubrication material, type of formation, or integration. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to recited those features, since the teachings of Lanciaux perform the invention as claimed, regardless of the claimed shape, material, lubrication material, type of formation, or integration.

Claims 22-23 and 28-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pfeider in view of Lanciaux. Pfeider discloses the claimed invention, as rejected above, except for the recited shape, material, lubrication material, type of formation, or integration. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to recited those features, since the teachings of Pfeider perform the invention as claimed, regardless of the claimed shape, material, lubrication material, type of formation, or integration. Furthermore, Pfeider discloses the invention as claimed, except for the recited seal feature. Lanciaux, another drying machine, discloses that feature on the face of the reference. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to combine

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the teachings of Pfleider with the seal feature of Lanciaux for the purpose of preventing drying fluid from leaking around the bearing structure.

Claims 43-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shapter. Shapter discloses the claimed invention, as rejected above, except for the recited shape, material, lubrication material, type of formation, or integration. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to recited those features, since the teachings of Shapter perform the invention as claimed, regardless of the claimed shape, material, lubrication material, type of formation, or integration.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Each of the prior art references cited with this action teach one or more claimed feature, but are not relied upon in rejecting the claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Gravini whose telephone number is (571)272-4875. The examiner can normally be reached on normal weekday business hours (east coast time).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl J. Tyler can be reached on 571 272 4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Tuesday, September 20, 2011
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